

A RESOLUTION BY
COUNCILMAN JIM MADDOX

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE
2004 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR THE
CITY OF ATLANTA A REQUEST TO THE
GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT
LEGISLATION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO
THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO LEVY A 10%
COMMERCIAL PARKING SURCHARGE; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is faced with ongoing challenges in identifying adequate funding for the services it provides to residents, business, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City find new sources of revenue to meet its service delivery requirements and to better match revenue sources with those who benefit from city services; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2002 the Atlanta City Council adopted resolution 02-R-0256 which established a Parking Study Committee to explore the feasibility of imposing a commercial parking surcharge; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Study Committee which was comprised of City representatives and parking industry representatives, completed a report dated July 1, 2002 which recommended a 10% commercial parking surcharge among other recommendations; and

WHEREAS, a commercial parking surcharge would produce revenue from persons using the streets and roads of the city, including the substantial amount of non-resident and tourist vehicular traffic utilizing the City's road transportation network daily; and

WHEREAS, a commercial parking surcharge also can influence driving habits of the public, encouraging the use of mass transportation, car pooling, and limitation of unnecessary trips, thereby promoting efforts of the city and the state to improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy a commercial parking surcharge can be granted to the City of Atlanta by the Georgia General Assembly; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

That the City of Atlanta's 2004 Legislative Package includes a request to the Georgia General Assembly to enact legislation granting authority to the City of Atlanta to levy a 10% excise tax on the gross

revenues of all commercial area, space, garage, parking structure or other facility upon or in which motor vehicles are parked, stored or housed.